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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2006

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. DICKS, and Miss McMORRIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The North Cascades complex contains 245
6 mountain lakes, of which 91 have been historically
7 stocked with fish.

1 (2) In many cases, the stocking of fish in these
2 lakes dates back to the 1800s.

3 (3) This practice has been important to the
4 economy of the area because of the recreational op-
5 portunities it creates.

6 (4) During congressional hearings on the des-
7 ignation of the North Cascades National Park, the
8 Department of the Interior indicated that the prac-
9 tice of fish stocking would be continued if the area
10 became a unit of the National Park Service system.

11 (5) Since designation of the National Park in
12 1968, the stocking of certain lakes has continued
13 under various agreements between the National
14 Park Service and the State of Washington.

15 (6) A recent 12-year university research effort
16 found no statistically significant long-term ecological
17 impacts in lakes where fish populations are non-re-
18 producing in low densities.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this bill is to clarify
20 the continued authority of the National Park Service to
21 allow the stocking of fish in certain lakes in the North
22 Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation
23 Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

1 **SEC. 2. STOCKING OF CERTAIN LAKES IN NORTH CAS-**
2 **CADES NATIONAL PARK, ROSS LAKE NA-**
3 **TIONAL RECREATION AREA, AND LAKE CHE-**
4 **LAN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-
6 ing through the Director of the National Park Service,
7 shall authorize the stocking of fish in lakes in the North
8 Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation
9 Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

10 (b) CONDITIONS.—The following conditions shall
11 apply to stocking of lakes under subsection (a):

12 (1) The Secretary shall stock fish only with the
13 concurrence of and in coordination with the State of
14 Washington.

15 (2) The Secretary shall only select lakes to be
16 stocked from the 91 lakes that have historically had
17 fish stocking.

18 (3) The Secretary shall only stock fish that
19 are—

20 (A) native to the watershed; or

21 (B) functionally sterile.

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